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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This paper is responsive to the final Office action, Paper No. 13, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 22, 2003. Applicants submit that no extension-of-time is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any additional fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants thank Examiner Pellegrino for discussing the above-identified application with Jennifer Grant Moitoso on September 9, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

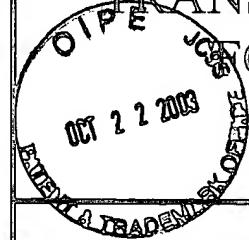
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment and Response.
- **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Amendment and Response.

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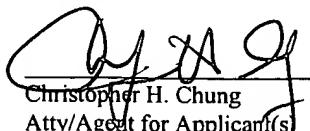
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